THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A proposal for limited state funding of elections to candidates of recognised political parties is under consideration of the Government but no final decision has been taken on it. It is not possible, at present, to indicate the time by which the proposal would be brought forth.

**Non-compliance of Court Orders by Bureaucrats**

5960. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tendency of non-compliance of orders of High Courts and Supreme Court is increasing among the Secretaries and other top bureaucrats of Central and State Government Departments in the country and in a number of cases, show cause notices were issued to such Secretaries by various High Courts and Supreme Court in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure that Court orders are duly complied with by Secretaries of Government Departments in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) This Ministry is not aware of any increase in the tendency of non-compliance of orders of High Courts and Supreme Court among the Secretaries and other top bureaucrats of Central and State Government Departments in the country.

**बुर्काधारी महिलाओं के लिये पहचान-पत्र**

5961. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिक** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ राज्य सरकारों ने मत डालने के उद्देश्य से बुर्काधारी महिलाओं के अंगूठे के निशान लेकर पहचान-पत्र जारी करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा पहचान-पत्रों में एकरूपता लाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

**विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज)** : (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

(ग) निर्वाचन आयोग ने फोटो पहचान-पत्र जारी किये जाने के लिये विस्तृत मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत जारी किये हैं और ये मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत कुछ सुनम्यता अनुज्ञात करते समय पहचान पत्रों की निश्चित मात्रा में एकरूपता भी सुनिश्चित करते हैं ।

**Appointment of Additional District Judges in place of transferred Judges**

5962. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1478 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not appointing Adlitional District Judges in place of transferred Judges so far;

(b) how much more time it would take to appoint such Judges;

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of transferred Judges have not

been transferred to any other court resulting in long delays in the settlement of such cases and the hardships and mental torture being suffered by the litigants as a result thereof;

(d) if so, the immediate steps being taken to transfer the cases pending in the courts of the above mentioned Judges to other courts for their early settlement, thereby providing relief to the litigants;

(e) whether any priority would be given to such cases as these are pending without any attention since May, 1993 and without any fault of the litigants;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (g) The Registry of the Delhi High Court has reported that four Courts of Additional District Judges were kept vacant till further orders as it was necessitated due to proceeding on deputation of certain officers of the Delhi Higher Judicial Service to other Departments and posting/transfer of certain officers to Shahdara Courts. Out of 17 vacancies existing in the cadre of Delhi Higher Judicial Service (DHJS), only 7 vacancies could be filled up with effect from 28-4-1994 and the remaining 10 vacancies have been advertised. The view of the above and the fact that in pursuance of the Court Orders passed on the Judicial side in a criminal case ten new exclusive Courts of Additional Sessions Judges have been set up w.e.f. 28.4.1994 for trial and disposal of cases under N.D.P.S. Act, out of the existing strength of Delhi Higher Judicial Service, appointments of Additional District Judges in the said four courts could not be made Cases pending in one of the four vacant courts of Additional District Judges have been distributed and assigned to other Courts of Additional District Judges for disposal according to law, on 28.4.1994. With regard to the appointment of Additional District Judges/alternative arrangements for disposal of cases, in the remaining three vacant Courts of the Additional District Judges, the High Court is already seized of the matter.

**Re-employment of Retired Judges**

5963. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any retired Judge of the High Court or Supreme Court has been re-employed since 1990 to enable expeditiously clear the old pending cases both at the High Courts and Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider to appoint retired Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court to clear old pending cases; and

(d) if not, what other steps are being proposed to clear the old cases both at High Courts and Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) One Judge of the Supreme Court was requested to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court after retirement Under Article 128 of the Constitution of India for a period of one year with effect from 19-1-1991 for hearing and disposal of Bhopal Gas Cases as he had already heard these cases earlier.

Similarly one Judge of the Allahabad High Court was requested to sit and act as a Judge of that High Court after retirement Under Article 224 of the Constitution for a period